

Town of Hingham Senior Center Building Committee Meeting, September 14th, 2021

7:00 pm Meeting opened by Tom Carey, Committee Chair

Governor's order read: This meeting is being held remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to an Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law. You are hereby advised that this meeting and all communications during this meeting may be recorded by the Town of Hingham in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. If any participant wishes to record this meeting, please notify the chair at the start of the meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 20(f) so that the chair may inform all other participants of said recording.

Attendees:

Senior Center Building Committee members:

- Tom Carey
  - Vicki Donlan
  - Clement McCarey
  - Sally O'Hare
  - Beth Rouleau
  - Jean Silverio
  - Elder Services Director Jennifer Young, ex officio, non-voting member
- Tom Carey, Chair, offered welcome for the fall fiscal '22 meeting of the Committee. He shared that seniors have expressed dismay with length of time and delays in planning related to new senior center.
  - Meeting recording from July 13th meeting will be forwarded by Jennifer Young to Beth Rouleau for drafting minutes. Tom Carey discussed potential for volunteer, possibly from COA, to support write-up of meeting minutes in future. Jennifer Young replied that there has been minimal interest, perhaps due to perception of level of time and commitment needed for task
  - Community Needs assessment proposal was presented. Tom Carey acknowledged value of assessment that would be completed by objective 3rd party. The project will be conducted by Gerontology Institute at UMass Boston. The COA recently received bid for the Community Needs assessment and voted in favor of proposal. Vicki Donlan made motion for Senior Center Building Committee to recommend to town manager and Select Board that Town enter agreement to fund Needs Assessment, in support Building Committee's efforts. 2nd by Jean Silverio. Beth Rouleau recused herself from vote; all

remaining committee members voted in favor to proceed with Needs Assessment. Project would commence January, 2022.

- Vicki Donlan recognized dramatic growth related to technology since 2013 needs assessment and she suggested addressing technology advances and future needs within the needs assessment. Consideration of zoom will be important.
- Sally O'hare recognized need to evaluate existing programming to support efficiency with design process. Suggestion made for committee members to review documents related to Marshfield's Center in advance October 12, 2021 meeting.
- Discussion addressed need to evaluate peer communities' program offerings. Jennifer Young shared that this research will support input to the survey that will be conducted during the needs assessment.
- Jennifer Young highlighted town appropriation of \$525K that was approved at town meeting for design and planning efforts of Building Committee. Tom Carey noted that needs assessment qualifies as a legitimate expenditure by the building committee to support planning efforts.
- Committee agreed to continue meetings on 2nd Tuesday of month. The time of meetings will change from 7PM to 530 PM.
- With no additional business, Committee Members voted to adjourn at 7:54 PM.